Appropriate action against the dealers who are found to be selling underweight quantity of oil to customers is taken as per the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and/or Dealership Agreement.

(c) 5 litre measures are made available in every Retail Outlet which can be used by any customer to check delivery of dispensing units.

Commissioning of LNG petronet project, Kochi

2963. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that power and industrial projects coming up in Kerala are mainly dependent on the early commissioning of LNG Petronet Project at Kochi;

(b) by when the LNG terminal at Kochi and Gas pipeline project are likely to be commissioned;

(c) whether Government would ensure the timely completion of the above project; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) Some of the power projects have signed MOUs with Petronet LNG Limited/ GAIL/BPCL etc. for supply of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). However, no firm agreement has been signed by any company. All pre-project activities and land allotment for LNG terminal at Kochi has been completed. Further progress of the project would depend on the signing of firm agreement by the prospective buyers.

Closure of HP waterfed storage depot

2964. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the closure of Hindustan Petroleum Waterfed Storage Depot at Ponmana Kollam in Kerala;

(b) what is the present stage of the said establishment and for what purpose it is being utilised now;

(c) whether there is any proposal to open the depot and if so, Government's reaction thereto and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the said land infrastructure will be given back for some other useful projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) set up a depot at Quilon, which was commissioned in 1994 as the first waterfed depot. This depot is located approximately 20 kms away from Quilon town, on land acquired through District Administration. Despite monetry compensation paid to land owners as per the Government rate fixed by the District Collector, the land owners kept on agitating, demanding employment in the Corporation. Due to the agitation by the land owners, due to uneconomic barge transportation for want of dredging and widening of the water channel and due to the blocking of the approach to the barge jetty by the dumping of rubbles, in the reclamation area, the barge loading could not be operated.

(b) It was not possible to continue operations at the depot due to repeated threats to the regular employees of the Corporation and hence depot operations were temporarily suspended for safety reasons.

(c) and (d) Resumption of operation from this depot by HPCL management and future utilisation of facilities has to be commercial consideration.

Pipeline gas connections in Agartala

2965. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gas pipeline connections to houses/hotels etc. all over the country, State-wise;

(b) the progress of work to provide house-to-house pipeline gas connection at Agartala; and

(c) the annual income generated from the supply of gas in Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Mahanagar